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Dear Sir.

We herewith take pleasure in sending you the first number of our Bulletin hoping its contents will interest you and induce you to subscribe thereto. Any communication on subjects of interest to Entomology will be welcome.

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The above notice printed on a slip of paper three inches by five was loosely attached to the front page of the first number of Volume I of the BULLETIN, published October 1878, but in all probability very few copies of it have been preserved. The writer has seen only one.

The following collation of the first seven volumes of the BULLETIN is the result of a thorough examination of the sixteen sets and large number of odd volumes and numbers now in my possession.

Volume I. 12 numbers: May 1878- April 1879.

Title Page: List of papers (2) pages: 95 pages. (2) plates.

And—the above notice.

The following pages of synoptic tables of Carabidae and Lepidoptera Rhopalocera are not numbered:

Pages (5- 6); Omophron-Elaphrus.

Pages (21-22); Papilio.

Pages (29-30); Diachila-Trachypachys.

Pages (37-38); Papilio, Parnassius, Pieris.

Pages (45-46); Nebria.

Pages (57-58); Pieris-Anthocharis.

Pages (63-66); Pelophila, Calosoma, Carabus.

Pages (73-74); Callidryas-Colias.

Pages (79-82); Nomaretus-Sphaeroderus-Cychnus.

Pages (89-90); Colias.

There are no pages numbered 13-16 but in their place are pages 5-8 on *Amblychila*, *Omus* and *Tetracha* inserted in Number 2, June 1878, between pages 10 and 11. In the same issue appeared a plate, without number, of these Tiger Beetles and their larvae. This plate is very scarce: in most cases a photostat must be substituted. The other plate of Volume I, also without number, appeared in the issue of March 1879 (No. 11), and represents beetle larvae of the family Tenebrionidae.

Again there are no pages numbered 49-52 in Volume I: the equivalent pages contain a "statement of aims" by the publication committee, followed by three pages of advertisements. These pages constituted an outside cover for pages 41-48 of the October issue (No. 6) for 1878.

The society has in some cases reprinted certain pages of the BULLETIN. Page 75 of Volume I is an example: the advertisements of page (76), however, were not reprinted, but across this otherwise blank page of the reprint is printed the word ADVERTISEMENTS in a vertical position.

Volume II. 12 numbers (in 7): May 1879-April 1880.

Title Page: (2) pages: 100 pages (Index on pages 99-100).

Numbers 5-9, pages 37-(76), in one.

Numbers 10-11, pages 77-92, in one.

In Volume II the following pages of synoptic tables are not numbered:

Pages (15-18); *Metrius*-*Dyschirius*.

Pages (25-26); *Nathalis*-*Terias*.

Pages (31-34); Bibliography, *Ardistomis*, *Schizogenuis*.

Pages (41-42); *Heliconius*-*Colaenis*.

Pages (43-44); *Platynus*: Title Page and Index.

The synoptic tables of *Carabidae* continue in later pages of Volume II and through Volumes III-VI, but beginning with page 45 of Volume II the regular pagination is used and printed.

Pages (9-12) which are missing in Volume II are accounted for by pages 3-6 of the "Explanation of Terms used in Entomology." No. 1, May 1879, ends with page 8. No. 2, June 1879, begins with page 13. This early Glossary was originally issued a few pages at a time with various numbers of the BULLETIN, and at the foot of page 3 of "Explanation of Terms" is printed the date June 1879, and undoubtedly pages 3-6 were distributed with the June BULLETIN.

The unnumbered pages (75) and (76)—the latter blank, are seldom seen. The first of these contains Schaupp's apology for the delay in publication of Numbers 5-9, September 1879—January 1880, which appeared together: also a letter from H. K. Morrison. Binders have almost unanimously discarded this leaf.

Volume III. 12 numbers: May 1880—April 1881.

Title Page: 100 pages: (2) pages (Index).

Plate of Coleopterous larvae in No. 10 (not No. 8, as printed) opposite page 88.

Volume IV. 12 numbers (in 8): May 1881—April 1882.

Title Page: 62 pages (Index on pages 61-62).. With a plate of Lepidoptera opposite page 7 in Number 1. This plate was published in two states, plain and colored. The figures of this plate are explained at the foot of page 7. These explanations appear also at the foot of the *plain* plate, but *not* on colored examples.

With Numbers 5-10 of Volume IV was distributed the "Check List of North American Macro-Lepidoptera."

Title page: (2) pages: 25 pages: IV pages (Index to genera). 579 species of Rhopalocera and 2,625 species of Heterocera are listed. The preface is dated December 1881, the title page January 1882.

The double-numbers of Volume IV are: 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, 11 and 12.

Volume V. 12 numbers: May 1882—April 1883.

Title page: 90 pages: (2) pages (Index): 3 plates not numbered: one of Coleopterous larvae and pupae opposite page 18: one of Lucanidae opposite page 60: one of Attacus, etc., opposite page 65.

As explained at the end of the Index of Volume V, pages 20-21 are numbered 14-15 by mistake and pages 33-34 are repeated; pages 33-34, 33-34, 35-36 should read 33-34, 35-36, 37-38.

"The Explanation of Terms used in Entomology" began in 1879, was completed, 38 pages (last 12 pages issued with Volume V), and reissued as a separate, no author mentioned (what an oversight!) with a Title Page dated 1883.

Volume VI. 12 numbers: May 1883—April 1884.

Title page: 138 pages (Index pages 137-138): IX pages. 5 plates of Cicindelidae numbered I-V (the first four *colored*), with explanatory sheet. Also a portrait of John L. Leconte.

The entire issue of December, 1883, Number 8, consists of an obituary notice of Dr. Leconte, with his portrait; it is separately paged I-IX.

Numbers 1-7 of Volume VI are paged 1-84.

Numbers 9-12 are paged 85-138.

Volume VII. 12 numbers (in 11): May 1884-April 1885.

Title Page: 159 pages: Index (2) pages. With 3 plates: I of Catocala, II of Cerambycidae, III of Lepidoptera.

The final issue of Volume VII was a double number, 11-12.

The subscribers for the early volumes of the Brooklyn BULLETIN did not have the same penchant for bibliographical niceties which prevailed even at that time among the ornithologists, and copies of any volumes with even a few of their "precious" covers intact at the present time are exceedingly few in number. I do not recall ever having seen a cover for any of the issues of the first two volumes. The various numbers of Volume III appeared in buff covers; the covers in Volumes IV-VII were gray. Besides the regular title-pages, outside colored title-page covers were printed for Volumes II to VII.

One cannot examine the pages of these seven volumes without being impressed and delighted with the merit and charm of their contents. One is almost impelled to think that "what we need in the United States to-day" is a similar magazine for the encouragement and instruction of beginners in entomology. And I know that some of the most advanced students of the order Coleoptera at least, consult constantly with great relief and enlightenment the simple and concise synoptic tables of Carabidae.

It is very fitting that the Brooklyn Society has published the Böving-Craighead "Illustrated Synopsis of the Principal Forms of Coleopterous Larvae," as from the very beginning considerable attention was devoted to the early stages of Coleoptera, in the pages of the BULLETIN.

With the single exception of Williston's paper on the classification of North American Diptera in Number 10 of the final Volume VII of the "First Series," practically the entire contents of the seven volumes concern only the orders Coleoptera and Lepidoptera.

Only two of the contributors to the pages of Volumes I-VII are still living: Dr. W. J. Holland ("Olla Podrida," Volume IV, page 45), now quite grown up, and Charles W. Leng, whose

tables of Cerambycidae began in Volume VII—still a mere youngster!

Besides the especially important synoptic tables of Carabidae, Cerambycidae and Butterflies there are Schaupp's work on Cicindeliae (Volume VI, pages 73-124, with 5 plates (4 colored), Fuch's Synopsis of U. S. Lucanidae (Volume V, pages 49-52 and 57-60, with plate), Smith's Synopsis of Noctuidae, Hulst's "Genus Catocala" (Volume VII, pages 14-56), etc., etc.

The society published reprints not only of the "Explanation of Terms" (price 50 cents) and "Check List of Macro-Lepidoptera" (price at first 50 cents, seven copies for three dollars, reduced later to 25 cents each) but also of the "Synopses of North American Species of Coleoptera" (90 Genera of Carabidae), with some changes of arrangement, about 100 pages in all (price one dollar). The table of Platynus was sold separately for 50 cents. Fuch's paper on Lucanidae was also priced 50 cents; so also was Smith's "Genera of Noctuidae." Schaupp's Cicindeliidae was surely cheap at one dollar.

The writer has seen a single copy of the reprint of "Bibliotheca Coleopterologica," 14 pages, from Volumes III and IV, published at 25 cents. He selfishly regrets to state that this copy was salvaged by friend Mutchler for the American Museum of Natural History!

The price of the BULLETIN was increased from 60 cents to one dollar a year, beginning with Volume III and one dollar was the price for Volumes III to VII, inclusive. For six dollars and twenty cents the subscribers to the "First Series" of The Bulletin of the Brooklyn Entomological Society certainly received full value!

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"Application blanks for membership and preliminary announcements for the International Congress of Entomology, which is to be held in Paris, July 16-23, 1932, are being mailed to all members of the Society of Economic Entomologists, and the Entomological Society of America. Anyone interested, and who is not a member of either Society, may obtain copies by writing to Prof. R. Jeannel, Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, 45 rue de Buffon, Paris, 5, France, or to O. A. Johannsen, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y."